

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

10/802,171

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 7-25.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 21 and 24.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 06 August 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All   b) ☐ Some\*   c) ☐ None   of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date 10-04
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date 08053
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. Receipt is acknowledged of the Amendment received on 25 July 2005 and IDS of 8 October 2004.

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment (for the claims) was given in a telephone interview with Stephen Scherrer on 12 August 2005 and authorization for the examiner's amendment for the specification was given in a telephone interview with John Bisbikis on 15 August 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

Add at line 1 of the Specification:

--This is a Continuation-In-Part (CIP) application of Ser. No. 10/733,619 filed 10 December 2003, which is a (CIP) application of Ser. No. 10/436,394 filed 12 My 2003, which claims priority from Provisional application Ser. No. 60/424,592 filed 7 November 2002 and Provisional Application Ser. No. 60/442,991 filed 29 January 2003.--

Replace claim 21 with:

-- A transaction card system comprising: a portable electronic device; a housing comprising a hinge for opening and closing said housing wherein the housing is interconnected with the portable electronic device wherein the housing comprises a first section and a second section wherein the hinge is disposed between the first and second sections; and a foldable transaction card disposed within the housing wherein the foldable transaction card comprises a first section and a second section and a hinge disposed between the first and second sections; wherein the housing surrounds the transaction card when the transaction card is in a folded state; and the first section of the transaction card is attached to the first section of the housing. --

Cancel claims 22 and 23.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

3. Claims 21 and 24 are allowed.
4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record fails to teach that the first section of the transaction card is attached to the first section of the housing and that the second section of the card unfolds outside the housing when the housing is opened.

***Conclusion***

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure: Devolpi (US 6,681,926).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue

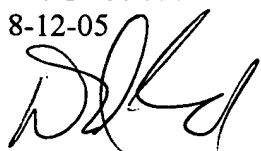
fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Daniel I. Walsh whose telephone number is (571) 272-2409. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:30-4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael G. Lee can be reached on (571) 272-2398. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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